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LCO No. 5402

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the general statutes, as  
2 amended by section 5 of public act 07-1, is repealed and the following  
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (e) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally  
5 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in  
6 return. "Gift" shall not include:

7 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or  
8 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of  
9 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

10 (2) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if  
11 provided to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party,  
12 any candidate or candidates for public office or the position of  
13 convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum  
14 question;

15 (3) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more  
16 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

17 (4) A gift received from (A) an individual's spouse, fiance or fiancée,  
18 (B) the parent, brother or sister of such spouse or such individual, or  
19 (C) the child of such individual or the spouse of such child;

20 (5) Goods or services (A) which are provided to a state agency or  
21 quasi-public agency (i) for use on state or quasi-public agency  
22 property, or (ii) that support an event, and (B) which facilitate state or  
23 quasi-public agency action or functions. As used in this subdivision,  
24 "state property" means (i) property owned by the state or a quasi-  
25 public agency, or (ii) property leased to a state agency or quasi-public  
26 agency;

27 (6) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than  
28 one hundred dollars;

29 (7) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general  
30 public;

31 (8) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state  
32 action or functions;

33 (9) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars in the  
34 aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an  
35 occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or  
36 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or his representative, is in  
37 attendance;

38 (10) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per  
39 person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to  
40 which all members of the General Assembly are invited and which is  
41 hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or  
42 business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (A) a reception  
43 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also  
44 been hosted by the business organization which he owns or is

45 employed by, and (B) a reception hosted by a business organization  
46 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees  
47 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the  
48 calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall  
49 divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of  
50 persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception;

51 (11) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per  
52 person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all  
53 members of the General Assembly from a region of the state are  
54 invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year  
55 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit,  
56 (A) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be  
57 deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which  
58 he owns or is employed by, and (B) a reception hosted by a business  
59 organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners  
60 and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In  
61 making the calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the  
62 donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the  
63 number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the  
64 reception. As used in this subdivision, "region of the state" means the  
65 established geographic service area of the organization hosting the  
66 reception;

67 (12) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,  
68 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event;

69 (13) Gifts costing less than one hundred dollars in the aggregate or  
70 food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or  
71 conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is  
72 not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

73 (14) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and  
74 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel  
75 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in  
76 his official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the

77 primary sponsoring entity;

78 (15) Anything of value provided by an employer of (A) a public  
79 official, (B) a state employee, or (C) a spouse of a public official or state  
80 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits  
81 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar  
82 circumstances;

83 (16) Anything having a value of not more than ten dollars, provided  
84 the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient  
85 under this subdivision in any calendar year shall not exceed fifty  
86 dollars; [or]

87 (17) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased  
88 by a state or quasi-public agency which is offered to all customers of  
89 such vendor; or

90 (18) Professional development activities for teachers employed in  
91 the regional vocational-technical school system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-79(e)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To clarify that professional development activities shall not constitute a gift to teachers employed in the regional-vocational technical system.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*